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SUBJECT : General Smith's memorandum of 9 March 1953, enclosing a proposal for the encouragement of additional East German youth defection

1. It is my understanding that a memorandum containing the CIA staff position on General Smith's proposal is being prepared by the EE Division of the Clandestine Services and will be furnished the DCI in advance of the PSB luncheon meeting on 12 March 1953.

2. Mr. Joseph Phillips of the State Department said today at the PSB staff meeting that the subject would not be brought up at tomorrow's luncheon meeting by the State Department. He suggested that each of the agencies appoint a representative to consider the proposal during the coming week, to comment on the proposal, and to make suggestions as to possible sources for the money necessary for its implementation. PSB has been informed that the CIA choice for this ad hoc committee is [REDACTED] of the German desk of the EE Division.

3. It is proposed by State that the subject be discussed fully at the meeting on 19 March 1953 after this committee has had a chance to deliberate.

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